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1998-99 ELECTIONS

At the May 28 meeting, nominations for club officers were held. The nominees are:

For RPA President, Thomas M. Fortunato or John P. Kellas, III.

For Vice President, Edwin Kawasaki.

For Treasurer David E. Roehrig.

For Recording Secretary, James M. Trenton.

For Corresponding Secretary, Joseph K. Doles.

For Governor-at-large, Paul R. Gerwitz or Raymond M. Stone

All offices are for a one year term except the Governor-at-large seat which is a three (3) year term.

You can mail in your ballot or bring it to the June 11 business meeting.

New APS Award to Encourage Exhibits of Modern Material

The APS is making a new award available to all World Series of Philately shows. In place of the previous Award for Excellence for exhibits consisting primarily of post 1940 material, two awards are now being offered. The first award covers the time frame of 1940-1980 and the second is for post-1980 material. The new medal is meant to encourage and provide additional recognition for exhibitors of modern material.

Early winners of the award include Raymond Stone for his exhibit titled Rochester's Transportation Coils at the March 6-8 ROPEX in Rochester New York and Michael J. Komiensky for Holograms on Stamps shown at the April 25-26 Plymouth Show in Michigan.

The new medal was recommended by the APS Awards Committee and approved by the APS Board in August 1996. Implementation was held off until recently to allow for the existing supply of the post 1940 medal to be used.

Four APS Medals of Excellence and Research Award are provided free of charge to the 33 World Series of Philately shows. Each of these shows use APS accredited judges for their exhibitions which are required to include at least 2,500 pages.

I Quit Writing for Stamp Collector

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FROM THE WORLD WIDE WEB

My son's inheritance just went down a bit because I quit writing my "Stamps and Politics" column and my monthly PNC column for Stamp Collector. It's all about the definite article.

Here is what I wrote in a recent column:

Before I continue, I must state emphatically that I will not accept foreign dictates on the use of English. Most Slavic languages lack a definite article. Thus, a Russian will say: "I put book on table," when he speaks English when he means to say "I put the book on the table." When the nation of which Kiev is the capital achieved independence in the breakup of the U.S.S.R in 1991, Ukrainian-Americans insisted that it was incorrect to say "the Ukraine" because one does not say "the France." But I say "the United States" and "the Netherlands." I shall continue to write "the Ukraine." If my editor removes the "the," I shall stop writing for him.

He did and I did.

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THIRD TIME GOLD

The RPA and ROPEX Program Editor, Joe Doles, have been notified by Jane King Fohn, Manager of The APS CAC Stamp Show Program Critique, that Joe has earned his third gold award since 1994. This award was for the 1997 ROPEX program. Joe was a judge for the 1995 critique and was not entered in the 1995 competition.

The American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee's 1997 Stamp Show Program had twenty one clubs represented in the competition. There are three classes of competition. Class I: Publications that are single-page programs (i.e., bifold, trifold, etc.) from shows sponsored by an APS Chapter. Class II: Programs that have multiple pages from shows sponsored solely by an APS Chapter. Class III: Multiple-page programs from shows co-sponsored either by an APS Chapter, state federation, or a national or international show/bourse, including those that combine stamps with other collectables.

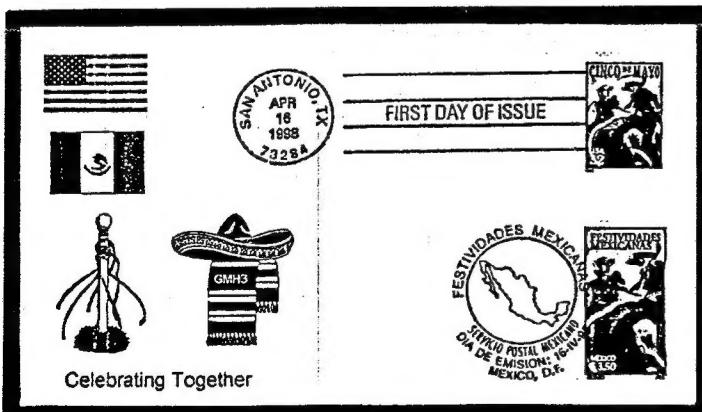
The RPA is in Class II and is in good company.

Other Gold winners in Class II were:

GULFPEX 97, Gulf Coast Stamp Club (Mississippi). **1997 MID-CITIES STAMP EXPO**, Mid-Cities Stamp Club (Texas).

OKPEX 97, Oklahoma City Stamp Club (Oklahoma). **VALPEX 97**, Spring-Ford Philatelic Society (Pennsylvania).

ADD-ON CACHET



The above cover was created by George Hill, III.(GMH3). George purchased the joint first day cover from the USPS and added his color cachet. The trick is in the elements used for the cachet. They all tie the stamps to the cover subject wise. This cover would be an excellent addition to anyones collection. Good job, George!

State/Possession Abbreviation

ALABAMA	AL
ALASKA	AK
AMERICAN SAMOA	AS
ARIZONA	AZ
ARKANSAS	AR
CALIFORNIA	CA
COLORADO	CO
CONNECTICUT	CT
DELAWARE	DE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	DC
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	
FLORIDA	FM
GEORGIA	FL
GUAM	GA
HAWAII	GU
IDAHO	HI
ILLINOIS	ID
INDIANA	IL
IOWA	IN
KANSAS	IA
KENTUCKY	KS
LOUISIANA	KY
MAINE	LA
MARSHALL ISLANDS	ME
MARYLAND	MH
MASSACHUSETTS	MD
MICHIGAN	MA
MINNESOTA	MI
MISSISSIPPI	MN
MISSOURI	MS
MONTANA	MO
NEBRASKA	MT
NEVADA	NE
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NV
NEW JERSEY	NH
NEW MEXICO	NJ
NEW YORK	NM
NORTH CAROLINA	NY
NORTH DAKOTA	NC
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	ND
OHIO	MP
OKLAHOMA	OH
OREGON	OK
PALAU	OR
PENNSYLVANIA	PW
PUERTO RICO	PA
RHODE ISLAND	PR
SOUTH CAROLINA	RI
SOUTH DAKOTA	SC
TENNESSEE	SD
TEXAS	TN
UTAH	TX
VERMONT	UT
VIRGIN ISLANDS	VT
VIRGINIA	VI
WASHINGTON	VA
WEST VIRGINIA	WA
WISCONSIN	WV
WYOMING	WI
	WY

NOTE:
These are abbreviations used by the USPS. Proper state abbreviations are still recognized such as N.Y. for New York.

Military "State" Abbreviation

Armed Forces Africa	AE
Armed Forces Americas (except Canada)	AA
Armed Forces Canada	AE
Armed Forces Europe	AE
Armed Forces Middle East	AE
Armed Forces Pacific	AP

RPA PROGRAMS

JUNE 11

OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING and SILENT AUCTION

Bring your ballots with you or mail back
ASAP

JUNE 19

ANNUAL RPA BANQUET and AUCTION

At the Diplomat Party House

6:00 cocktails

6:30 dinner buffet

\$13.00 per person

Deadline June 14th see Paul Gerwitz
up to 7 auction lots each member

JUNE 25

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION

This is the last meeting of the
1997-98 season, hope everyone can make it.

GUST

Keep an eye open for the announcement
on the RPA picnic..details to follow.

Join the Group

You're a topical collector, you've picked your topic, but you are stumped as to what to do next - besides pick up all the stamps you can find showing your topic.

Why not consult the "Topical Time" magazine (copies are in the RPA library) and see if there is a study group related to your theme or topic? Nearly every group publishes its own newsletter or journal with articles related to the topic covered. For example, there is a Women on Stamps group which publishes "The Topical Woman." The editor does an excellent job of writing biographies of various women on stamps, prints submissions by members, lists recent issues of stamps picturing women, and includes several illustrations in each issue.

Similar newsletters are produced by The Medical Studies Unit, with its "Scalpel and Tongs;" The Casey Jones Railroad Unit, with "The Dispatcher; the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamps Society, printing "S-1 News; and the Christmas Philatelic Club which puts out "The Yule Log."

For a REAL boost to your topical collecting, plan to attend the NTSS-98 in Falls Church, Virginia in July!

Battleship Revenues

The May 28 meeting on computers was canceled at the last minute. In its place we were presented a live talk (not one on tape) by our member from Grand Island, New York, Walter Orton. Walter has obviously done his research on the battleship revenues. Hundreds of hours have been spent looking through the records of the printing office putting together the data for this presentation. Other RPA members collecting revenues added to the evenings program with lively give and take. It seemed to me that the membership enjoyed the evenings program with a live presenter. Let's have more of them. Do you have a special interest that could be made into a program? If you do, see the clubs' Vice President. The VP has the responsibility for programming. Thank you Walter.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU

In many of the past issues of H&T you enjoyed reading about the goings on of the RPA. The columns were the work of Norman and Florence Wright and I would like to thank them for making my job (editor) much easier. Thanks again Norm and Flo.

FLOWERING TREES

At the May 28 meeting we heard from Jim Sanders and how he ended up at the first day of issue ceremony for the self-adhesive stamps depicting details from flowering trees of the United States issued March 19 at the Spring Postage Stamp Mega-Event in New York City. Jim told of the long lines for signatures on First Day Programs. Instead of waiting in line, Jim went into the bourse for a time and when the lines had died down he went back for his set of signatures. The person who sang the National Anthem was still there and Jim commented to him how much he enjoyed the singing but that two words had been left out. The rest of the panel went silent as the singer said "Oh, what two words"? And Jim was heard to say "PLAY BALL".

